

U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

DATE: 10/24/05

SUBJECT: Hasbrouck Plastics Site, Lakeview, Erie County, New York

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POLREP No.: One (Initial)

I. BACKGROUND:

SITE NO:	XA
Delivery Order No:	0024
Response Authority:	CERCLA
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Approval Date	9/21/05
Start Date:	10/24/05
Mobilization Date :	10/24/05
Demobilization Date:	TBD
Remobilization Date	
Completion Date:	TBD

II. SITE INFORMATION:

A. Incident Category: CERCLA Time-Critical Removal Action

1. Site Description

The Site is a defunct fiberglass-reinforced plastics manufacturing facility located in Lakeview, Erie County, New York.

The facility designed and manufactured fiberglass-reinforced polyester, vinyl ester, and furan items such as processing tanks, piping, ventilation and pollution control equipment, and duct from 1957 to December 2004. Hasbrouck Plastics ceased all operations and abandoned the site in December 2004, leaving behind several drums containing caustics and flammables in addition to numerous small containers of hazardous wastes.

The Site is located approximately 10 miles south of Buffalo, NY, in an area of mixed residential and light commercial use. The Site is bordered by a tavern, two active rail lines, one residential property, and a playground with a ball park.

2. Description of Threat

Ten buildings and one box trailer are located on the Site property. The main processing facility, Building 11, consists of a concrete block building where several containers labeled organic peroxides have been observed along with a small number of 55-gallon drums containing hazardous wastes. A secondary processing facility, Building 7, located at the rear of the property consists of a corrugated steel building. Only four drums of unknown materials were observed in this building. Six separate sheds are located on the south side of the property. These sheds house several smaller containers in weathered and deteriorated condition, in addition to several compressed gas cylinders.

The interior of the buildings on the property are cluttered. The roof of the main processing building has holes in several areas, exposing the interior of the facility to the elements. Flammable materials are stored haphazardly throughout the facility, and the integrity of the containers is suspect.

Several 55-gallon drums of unknown chemicals are staged outside, exposed to the weather and clearly accessible to vandals. Many of the drums show signs of deterioration, rust, and damaged seams. Field characterization testing of six of the drums confirmed the presence of methyl ethyl ketone peroxide, acetone, isopropyl alcohol and caustics.

Although the property itself is secured with fencing, the fence has been breached along the playground border and graffiti is present on the buildings.

II. RESPONSE INFORMATION:

A. Current Situation

A familiarization tour of the Site was conducted on October 12, 2005 for the ERRS Response Manager. Local and state officials were notified of actions at the Site.

EPA's ERRS contractors fully mobilized to the Site on October 24, 2005, and removal activities commenced. Phone lines and electricity to the main office building was established.

B. Actions Taken

ERRS contractor began taking a full inventory of all waste containers at the Site. A total of 519 small containers and 97 55-gallon drums containing unknown chemicals were collected and staged within Building 11 for sampling and field characterization. The remaining 55-gallon drums observed throughout the site were confirmed to be empty. The empty drums were staged at the rear of the property in such a manner as to prevent rain water from collecting within them.

C. Key Issues

Key issues include: 1) consolidate waste streams; 2) overpack drums; 3) dispose of wastes; 3) continue enforcement efforts to get PRP participation/funding of removal action.

D. Next Steps

Sample and field characterize the drums to begin segregating and consolidating all waste streams for later transportation and disposal.

IV. COST INFORMATION

The following table presents information on estimated costs for the removal action:

	<u>Ceiling*</u>	<u>Costs to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Project Funds*</u>
ERRS	\$ 140,000	\$ 8,800	\$ 131,200
EPA	20,000	---	---
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TOTAL	\$ 160,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 131,200*

Percent of Ceiling Utilized to Date: 4%

Note: The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The costs provided in this report are an estimate and do not reflect a monetary figure that EPA may include in any claims for cost recovery.

V. DISPOSITION OF WASTES:

To be Determined

Final POLREP _____

Further POLREPS Forthcoming XX